GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1693
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
RECONSTRUCTION OF AFZAL KHAN SMARAK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have granted clearance for development of Afzal Khan Smarak at Pratapgarh, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to withdraw the NOC in the face of public demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) On an application by the Government of Maharashtra on 19.04.2002, the Central Government has approved diversion of 0.2218 hectare of forest land for renovation of dharamshala and public road to Afzal Khan Memorial Society on 23.09.2002 under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This diversion has been approved for ten years when it will be reviewed for further continuance. New construction and tarring of road has not been allowed.

(c) No such proposal for withdrawal of the approval has been received from the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.